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Bird "Atlas" Shaping up

An exciting new birding publication in our area is the newsletter of the Maryland/DC Breeding Bird Atlas Project ("MAP Newsletter"), whose first issue appeared late in the summer. This project is a joint effort of several organizations: MOS, DNR/MD Wildlife Administration, local Audubon chapters and Audubon Naturalist Society (D.C.). Since the paper is sent only to participants in, and contributors to, the five-year Atlas effort, a summary is being provided by your ed., following a paragraph on background.

Principal goals of the Atlas have been detailed in the MAP Handbook 1983-1987, published as a Supplement to *Maryland Birdlife*, Vol. 38, 1982:

1. provide up-to-date distribution maps for every species known to nest in in MD and DC
2. provide an up-to-date inventory and discovery of new nesting locations of the rare and endangered birds of MD and DC.
3. identify fragile or unusual habitats supporting rare species.
4. provide baseline data against which future changes in range and status of breeding birds can be compared. (there are other goals, for environment protection, etc.)

MOS members and friends who attended the 1983 Convention in Delmar, MD in May had an opportunity to witness and participate in the official sendoff of this project. The Atlas Project was highlighted in talks by Prof. Charles Smith and by Eirik Blom, the Coordinator for the project. Many of the field trips actually were working surveys for the Atlas blocks they covered.

The new MAP Newsletter relates the status of the Atlas project, including exciting finds of breeding birds in MD/DC, with articles and features as summarized below:

- •Swamp Sparrows Breeding in MD-Bob Ringler. Known to breed in Garrett and, since 1951, in coastal marshes, Swamp Sparrows were found in the early Montgomery Co. atlas and have now been found in upland locations in Baltimore and Carroll Cos.
- •From the Coordinator's Corner: Shaping Up-Rick Blom. The Atlas project is (unexpectedly) "...in terrific shape...

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MOS Board News

At the MOS Board meeting, September 24 in Columbia, MD, discussion or action took place on the following committees or subjects. *Financial*-a replacement is needed for the chairman of the special committee on taxes, John Guercio; gifts of stock and money were received totalling $2400 in value; the operating fund is in the black with the bulk of member dues yet to come in, but some budget items are already close to or over budget; *Atlas Project*-the first newsletter for this project issued in August and is described in a separate story in this paper; some county coordinators have yet to report for the 1983 season; the Project Coordinator is living at tum Suden Sanctuary and has requested no salary until 1984; *Bluebird*-Eastern Bluebirds appear to have had a very good breeding season, according to reports; the North American Bluebird Society, now in its sixth year, has over 4000 members in U.S. and Canada; *Conservation*-items/issues reported on cover Rte. 48 alignment west of Sideling Hill, the "bottle bill" walk in MD, Sept. 17-Oct. 1, the formation of the Maryland Conservation Foundation (nonprofit) for environmental education, proposals for new wildlands in MD, the Clean Air Act (U.S.), and the "Chickadee Checkoff" (look for more details on conservation issues in future newsletters); *Eagle Committee*-law enforcement agencies in MD have been notified of the MOS reward system for information leading to indictments in incidents of killing of eagles (no such incidents in MD so far this year); *Library*-efforts continue to sell excess back issues of *MD Birdlife*, with a recommendation being made that each chapter have a set (Baltimore has a set); *Long-range Planning*-this committee is working with the *ad hoc* comm. on an MOS Bookstore and also reminded all that statements of long-range goals are needed from 13 chapters.

Mary Love, the new Executive Secretary of MOS, was introduced and reported that there are now 2239 members. For Publications, the editor of the *Yellowthroat* requested policy guidance in keeping the size of the newsletter within budget expense-continued publication of site guides is desired by many, but even three or four a year may exceed the present budget; he was requested to prepare a detailed forecast and discuss it with the Budget Committee. Substantial progress on the next issue of *MD Birdlife* was reported by the Asst. Editor.

(see next column)

Records Committee-evaluation is underway on the first group of records of unusual sightings collected since publication of "Birds of Maryland." The committee should also review any checklists submitted for publication to the *Yellowthroat*. *Sanctuaries* - workdays are planned at Irish Grove and Carey Run, a policy is being developed for residence at sanctuaries, and committee meetings will be held in three locations around MD starting Oct. 19. Convention and Scholarship activities-see stories elsewhere in this issue.

Ad Hoc Committee on an MOS Bookstore-the chairman discussed a detailed proposal for a change in management with Baltimore chapter directors and with the committee and now wishes to present the proposal to Baltimore membership.

Eleanor Robbins Scholarship Funded

The MOS Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the goal of permanently funding our second scholarship for ornithological study has been reached. We are especially grateful for the very generous contributions received from Jane Daniels, long-term active member of the Baltimore chapter of MOS, and from the Baltimore chapter itself, and for the prospective allocation from the anonymous donation of stock to MOS. This scholarship completes the pair of scholarships honoring the founders of our Scholarship Fund, first, the Chandler S. Robbins Scholarship, and now the Eleanor C. Robbins Scholarship (see "Twenty-five Years of Anonymity," *Md. Yellowthroat*, May/June 1983). We are also grateful to all who helped to make this fund drive a success.

The quest for candidates for the four scholarships to Audubon Ecology Camps, awarded annually, began in October. Information on these grants is being sent to all chapters.

Applications from candidates for the two scholarships for summer study in ornithology will be accepted, beginning in January.

—MOS Scholarship Committee

Atlas

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because volunteers spent a tremendous amount of time putting training materials and committees together (and)...the response from birdwatchers around the state exceeded our most optimistic predictions." Participating organizations have responded so well "...that we have assigned a far greater number of blocks in the initial year than we thought possible...we still need help..." in some areas, however.

- Fund Raising Committee Report-John Cullom. Monetary contributions and other commitments to support the Atlas effort add up to 34 percent of the approximately $200,000 budget, but "...the job is far from over."
- DNR is Active Partner in Developing the Atlas-Gary J. Taylor. The Wildlife Administration of the MD Department of Natural Resources "is participating in all phases of the Atlas project...planning, data collection...processing and interpretation." The agency "will use the...data to provide better programs for management of our avian resource, both game and nongame."
- MAP Members Report Interesting Finds for Atlas. Possible or confirmed rare breeding birds in MD or in unexpected areas include: Piedbilled Grebe in Baltimore Co.; American Bittern near Bel Air; Cooper's Hawk in Calvert Co.; Peregrine Falcon nesting on the Bay Bridge; Sawwhet Owl in Garrett Co.; Common Gallinule and Brown Creeper in DC; Golden-crowned Kinglet and Marsh Wren in Carroll Co.; Bewick's Wren on Dan's Rock, Allegany Co.; Loggerhead Shrike in Frederick Co. (and Washington Co.-ed.); Worm-eating Warbler in Caroline Co.; Swainson's Warbler in Baltimore Co.; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler in Garrett Co.; Yellow-throated Warbler and Summer Tanager in Cecil Co.; Boat-tailed Grackle at Pt. Lookout, St. Mary's Co.; Dickcissel in Caroline, Talbot (and Washington Co.-ed.) Cos.; White-throated Sparrow in Garrett Co.; and Swamp Sparrows in the Piedmont (above).
- Owls Owls Owls....-Wayne R. Petersen. Tips for surveying for breeding owls are given, including visits to farm and other rural dwellers to ask about owls in the area, use of taped owl calls to attract the birds, and methodical inspection of likely habitats-listening and looking for pellets and nests, especially before the leaves are out.
- Here Are County Coordinators. Current coordinators are listed, with address and phone information.

The editor of the MAP Newsletter is: Tony White, 5872 Marbury Road, Bethesda, MD 20817 (301-229-1641). The publisher is MOS, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209.

Reviewed by Cameron Lewis

84th Christmas Count 1983-1984

With the coming of November, Thanksgiving is almost upon us, and the Christmas season will next be at hand. Let us speak of Christmas Bird Counts which will be held in Maryland, 49 other States, Canada and parts of Tropical Americas December 17-January 2, 1984. For those of you who have never "done a count," counting all the birds in an assigned area in the winter may seem to be quite a challenge. The rewards of the counting experience should be high, however, in camaraderie and memories.

It is exciting to find birds under adverse conditions-hearing an owl respond to a taped call in darkness, identifying hidden sparrows and finches from their calls as they wake up in the early light, or seeing larks, pipits or buntings appear against a background of snow. It is often very rewarding to meet and work with birders from a different area, determined to achieve good counts in new circumstances, and then to share food and the tally at the close of the day-in warmer surroundings, of course.

Why do these things as formally as The Count requires? Because the organized Audubon Christmas Bird Counts (CBC's) in their defined areas with good records year after year, have sound scientific and ecological goals.

Below is a listing of counts and count coordinators. Contact the coordinator for the count in which you would like to participate. Let's help to make this year's set of Christmas counts in Maryland the most successful and the most thorough in the history of our counts.

Look up the July, 1983 issue of "American Birds" for additional background on the counts. Editorial comments therein underline the need for very good documentation of unusual species (with criteria for "unusual"), so please follow instructions closely in reporting....and travel safely!

Maryland Christmas Counts and Compilers

December 17

Allegany County: John Willetts, Rte. 3, Box 243, Frostburg 21532. 689-3202.

Denton: Steve Westre, Rte. 1, Box 212-G, Denton, 21629. 479-0338. (in Caroline Co.)

Oakland: Fran Pope, 503 F. St., Mt. Lake Park, 21550. 334-4908. (Garrett Co.)

Liberty Reservoir: Bill Ellis, 6012 Snowdens Run Rd., Sykesville, 21784. 795-7985.

Washington County: Frances Cutchall, 1847 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, 21740. 733-5204.

December 18

Lower Kent: Jim Gruber, 231 Richard Dr., Chestertown, 21620, 778-1976.

St. Michaels: Jeff Effinger, Box 174, Wittman, 21676. 745-5819. (In Talbot Co.)

Salisbury: Charles Vaughn, 1306 Frederick Ave., Salisbury 21801. 742-7221.

December 20

Port Tobacco: Danny Bystrak, 12001 Dove Circle, Laurel, 20708. 776-8020. (Charles Co. on the Potomac)

December 26

Triadelphia Reservoir: Bob Whitcomb, Research Entomologist B465 BARCE, Beltsville 20705. 344-2339.

December 27

Crisfield: Charles Vaughn (See Salisbury count).

December 28

Ocean City: Chan Robbins, 7902 Brooklyn Bridge Rd., Laurel 20707. 725-1176.

Jug Bay/Patuxent Marsh: John Gregoire, 9509 Small Drive, Clinton, 20735. 868-7029 (home); 763-3462 (work) (AA, Calvert, PG Cos.)

December 29

Chincoteague, Va.: Fred Scott, 115 Kennondale La., Richmond, VA 23226. (804) 282-2666.

December 30

Southern Dorchester: Chan Robbins (Blackwater N.W.R., see Ocean City count).

December 31

Baltimore Harbor: Bob Ringler, 3501 Melody Lane, Baltimore, 21207. 655-5738

Catoctin Mountain: Bill Shirey, 121 Fairview Ave., Frederick, 21701. 663-9153. (in Frederick Co.)

Rock Run: John Wortman, 110 Springlake Way, Havre de Grace 21078. 939-3146. Harford Co. Susquehanna).

January 1

Annapolis: Hal and Harold Wierenga, 1216 Tyler Ave., Annapolis, 21403. 268-1674.

Pt. Lookout: Ernest Willoughby, 6 Hartman Dr., Lexington Park, 20653. 994-0709. (St. Mary's Co.)

Dates of the following counts were not available to the editor at press time. Contact the (last known) compiler for info.:

Elkton: Joel Citron, 2003 Ferndale Dr., Wilmington, DE 19810. 302/475-8773.

Seneca: Bill Oberman, 4100 W. St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. 202/333-6315. (Montgomery Co. on the Potomac).

Mark Your Calendar
MOS State Convention, June 1-3, 1984

- Field Trips to Allegany Co., Garrett Co., and West Virginia
- Discover the North Woods in your home state-Maryland
- Workshops on Nature Photography and Bird Identification
- Eminent guest speaker Friday night
- MOS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

—Tony White

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ORNITHOPHILES* FROM THE M.O.S. BOOKSTORE

BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA by Chandler S. Robbins, Bertel Bruun, & Herbert S. Zim; illustrated by Arthur Singer. Golden Press, New York, 1983. 360 pages. $7.95 softbound (sewn, not glued); $10.95 hardbound. This is the NEW, expanded, revised edition of the field guide we all love! It contains new birds and new names added by the 6th edition of the AOU checklist; new sonagrams and 600 new range maps. Now the old favorite is up to date. Due in October.

THE AUDUBON SOCIETY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS by John K. Terres. Knopf, N.Y., 1980. 1109 pages, 875 color plates, 800 black-and-white plates. $60. Roger Tory Peterson comments: "I intend to keep my copy near my desk, for frequent use. It is a much-needed, broad-ranging accomplishment.." Contains nearly 6000 entries and cross-references; 625 major articles on all aspects of bird life, bird biology, and ornithologists; excellent photographs of nearly all North American nesting birds.

THE FALCONS OF THE WORLD by Tom J. Cade; paintings by R. David Digby. Comstock/Cornell Univ. Press, Ithaca, N.Y., 1982. 192 pages; 44 color plates; 30 maps. $38.50 hardbound. A thorough presentation on falcons by the director of raptor research at Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology. Covers taxonomic relationships, distribution, form and function, reproduction, molt patterns and conservation; 39 species accounts (6 U.S. species) in very readable style. The paintings are accurate and beautiful.

A MANUAL FOR BIRDWATCHING IN THE AMERICAS by Donald S. Heintzelman. Universe Books, N.Y., 1979. 255 pages. $3.98 softbound. A guide to birding equipment, birding spots, organizations, and techniques for watching certain types of birds: hawks, owls, and waterfowl. Numerous black-and-white photos; some color photos.

BIRDS OF THE NORTHERN FOREST. 1966. 247 pages; 56 color plates. $35.

BIRDS OF THE EASTERN FOREST I. 1968. 231 pages; 52 color plates. $35.

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Houghton-Mifflin, Boston. Collections of superb paintings of birds, and accompanying artist essay sketches by J. Fenwick Lansdowne; brief narratives and interesting anecdotes by John A. Livington accompany each painting; large format (10 x 13 inches) plates that take your breath away! Sure to please any ornithophile.

THE LANE BIRDER'S GUIDES TO THE UNITED STATES by James A. Lane. L & P Press; Denver, Colorado. Immensely helpful guides for the travelling birder who needs to know where to find specific or unique birds. Included are up to date maps and directions to numerous locations, persons to contact in the region, and the migration patterns of birds passing through the area. Virtually all "hot spots" are covered.

FLORIDA by Lane. 1981. 160 pages. $7 softbound.

TEXAS COAST by Lane & John L. Tveten. 1980. 117 pages. $5 softbound.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY OF TEXAS by Lane. 1978. 111 pages. $4.50 softbound.

NORTH DAKOTA by Kevin J. Zimmer. 1979. 114 pages. $5 softbound.

EASTERN COLORADO by Lane & Harold R. Holt. 1979. 125 pages. $5 softbound.

SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA by Lane. 1977. 110 pages. $5 softbound.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA by Lane. 1979. 140 pages. $4.50 softbound.

LIFE HISTORIES OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS by Arthur C. Bent. Dover Reprints, N.Y. Carefully prepared, elaborate presentations of the behavior and life history of our birds, covering nesting, courtship, eggs, immature birds, plumages, voice, field marks, enemies, breeding and winter ranges, migration, and other records. Black & white photos.

PETRELS, PELICANS, AND THEIR ALLIES. (1922) 1964. 335 pages, 128 photos. $5.

MARSH BIRDS. (1926) 1963. 392 pages, 180 photos. $6.50.

WILDFOWL. (1923) 1962. 558 pages, 200 photos, in 2 volumes. $5 each volume.

BIRDS OF PREY. (1937) 1961. 891 pages, 363 photos, in 2 volumes. $7.

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS. (1932) 1963. 490 pages, 170 photos. $8. each volume.

SHOREBIRDS. (1927) 1962. 699 pages, 200 + photos, in 2 volumes. $7 each volume.

WOODPECKERS. (1939) 1964. 334 pages, 72 photos. $5.

FLYCATCHERS, LARKS, SWALLOWS, AND THEIR ALLIES. (1942) 1963. 555 pages, 121 photos. $7.50.

JAYS, CROWS, AND TITMICE. (1946) 1964. 495 pages, 112 photos, in 2 volumes. $5.50 each volume.

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THRUSHES, KINGLETS, AND THEIR ALLIES. (1950) 1965. 411 pages, 72 photos. $7.95.

WAGTAILS, SHRIKES, VIREOS, AND THEIR ALLIES. (1950) 1965. 411 pages, 72 photos. $6.

WOOD WARBLERS. (1953) 1963. 734 pages, 125 photos, in 2 volumes. $6.95 each volume.

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, TANAGERS AND ALLIES. (1958) 1965. 549 pages, 55 photos. $7.95.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS, TOWHEES, FINCHES, SPARROWS AND ALLIES. (1968) 1968. 640 pages, 20 photos, volume 3 only. $7.95.

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SITE GUIDE

Miller Island Road Area (Baltimore area)

Directions: In southeastern Baltimore, from Rte. 40, I-95 or I-695, take North Point Boulevard south to Route 20. Follow the signs to the Fort Howard Veteran's Hospital. Miller Island Road bears off to the left two miles north of the fort.

Black Marsh—Pull off road at edge of marsh. In May and June listen at dusk and dawn for King, Virginia, Sora and Black Rails. Marsh Wrens, Least Bittern, and Swamp Sparrows nest. Woodcock display in spring. Good numbers of herons, shorebirds, ducks in migration. Some excellent spring and fall hawk flights over marsh. Harriers can be found most winter days. County rarities like Louisiana Heron, Rough-legged Hawk, Golden Eagle, Common Gallinule, Sedge Wren, Seaside and Sharp-tailed Sparrows have been seen. Traffic on weekends and at rush hour can be bothersome.

Ramona's Cafe (on Baylight Ave.)—Park in lot, walk to end of road. Scope water for loons, grebes, waterfowl, cormorants, gulls, terns. In summer check beach of Pleasure Island for Little, Caspian, Forsters, Common and Black Terns. Also Whimbrel, Sanderling, Piping Plover, Willet, Turnstones, and other shorebirds. Piers in cove resting spot for gulls and terns. Both loons, Red-necked Grebe, all 3 scoters, Black-headed and Little Gulls, White Ibis, and Black Skimmer have been seen here. Many migrant waterbirds and hawks fly past point.

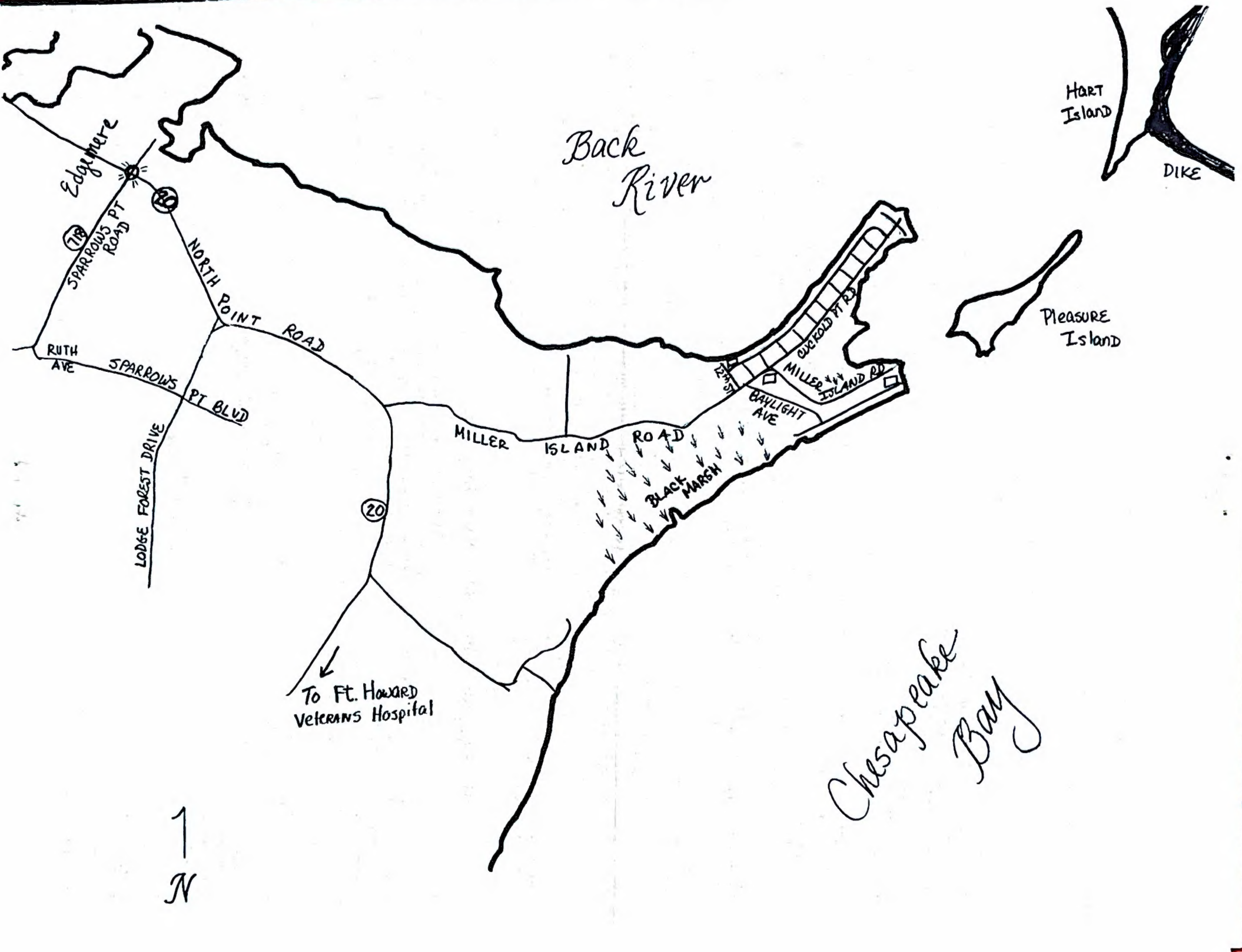
Cuckold Point—Park at end of pier and scope water. In summer birders may get permission to walk out fishing pier. There has been no charge so far. Gulls and terns frequently feed near end of pier. Purple Martin boxes nearby. Otherwise the same as Ramona's Cafe. Only spot to see the sandbar at the back edge of Pleasure Island. Large concentrations of birds sit there at low tide.

Woodlot (west of Black Marsh)—Do not walk into. This is owned by Bethlehem Steel and we do not have permission to trespass. From the road you can hear Whip-poor-wills and Chuck-wills-widows. Only consistent place in county for chucks. Great Horned Owls nest. Many migrant landbirds, especially warblers, vireos and flycatchers have been found here.

Hart-Miller Impoundment—A new impoundment to contain dredge spoil from Baltimore harbor has been constructed adjacent to, and connecting Hart and Miller Islands in Chesapeake Bay. Trips this year have found 26 species of shorebirds, seven species of gulls and six species of terns. We have permission to visit on Sundays and holidays only. Access is by boats which can be rented along Cuckold Pt. Road. Contact Bob Ringler (655-5738) or Rick Blom (879-9667) if you would like to join our excursions to the islands.

General—Be careful about trespassing. Small marsh on left just before Ramona's Cafe has had Sora and Virginia Rails, Marsh Wrens, Swamp Sparrows. Wooded Swamp opposite Black Marsh has had Gallinule, woodpeckers, flycatchers, thrushes in migration. South of Miller Island Road on Rt. 20 check large fields for shorebirds, larks, blackbirds in migration. Cattle Egret have been seen there several times.

...contributed by Baltimore Chapter of MOS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MOS CALENDAR, NOV.—DEC. 1983

November 1

TUESDAY EVENING AT CYLBURN. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. "Birding in England" - David Holmes. Cylburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore.

November 3

MEETING. Frederick Co. 7:30 p.m. Maryland Natural Heritage Program—Mary Brosman. Meet at Music Room, Frederick High School, Frederick.

WINTER TREE WALK. Baltimore. 10:00 a.m. With Natural History Society - recognizing trees in winter. Slides & lecture in the mansion, if raining. Cylburn Mansion. Led by Gordon L. Filbey, 944-1566.

November 4

MEETING. Harford Co. 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Robert Chance. Slides of Kenya. Meet at Churchville Presbyterian Church.

November 5

FIELD TRIP. Kent Co. 6:30 a.m. Fall Early Bird Special. Meet at A & P parking lot, Chestertown.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick Co. 7:30 a.m. Piney Run Park. Meet at Culler Lake boat house, Frederick.

YOUTH ACTIVITY. Baltimore. 10:00 a.m. "Introduction to the stars" - Mr. Herman Heyn. Cylburn Mansion.

November 6

FIELD TRIP. Washington Co. 1:30 p.m. Antietam Furnace. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, South Potomac Street, Hagerstown.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Eastern Neck NWR & Remington Farms. Meet at Security Square Mall, nr. Equitable drive-in bank at 6:00 a.m. or Eastern Neck NWR entrance 8:00 a.m. Wintering swans, geese, eagles & waterfowl. Led by Pete Webb, 486-1217.

November 10

MEETING. Howard. 7:45 p.m. "Migration at Point Pelee"-Lola Oberman. Meet at Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia.

November 11

FIELD TRIP. Washington Co. 8:00 a.m. Big Pool. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, South Potomac Street, Hagerstown.

November 12-13

GARRETT COUNTY WEEKEND. Baltimore. Meet at Security Square Mall, nr. Equitable drive-in bank at 7:00 a.m. Waterfowl, late migrants, surprises. Led by Alex & Helene Hammer, 761-7749.

November 13

FIELD TRIP. Caroline Co. 7:00 a.m. Blackwater Wildlife Refuge. Meet at Acme Parking lot, 5th Avenue and 7th Street, Denton. Contact: Steve Westre (479-0338)

November 16

MEETING. Talbot Co. 7:30 p.m. "Life History of The Purple Martin"-Kathy Klimkiewicz. Maryland Room, Loyola Federal Savings & Loan Association, Harrison & Goldsborough Streets, Easton.

November 17

MEETING. Kent Co. 7:30 p.m. Meet at Kent Co. Public Library, Chestertown.

November 18

MEETING. Caroline Co. 7:30 p.m. "Birding In The Galapagos Islands"-Dr. Robert Trevor. St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5th and Franklin Streets, Denton. Contact: Mariana Nuttle (479-2644)

All Chapter activities to be published in the Calendar columns of the January/February issue of the *Maryland Yellowthroat*, should be received by November 26, 1983. Mail to:
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Hagerstown, MD 21740 (ph. 791-2516)

November 19

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Sandy Point. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Security Square nr. Equitable drive-in bank or 8:30 at Sandy Pt. St. Pk. entrance. Snow Bunting, Purple Sandpiper poss., wintering waterfowl. Rough-legged Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Brant seen last yr. Bring lunch. Led by Alex & Helene Hammer, 761-7749.

November 20

FIELD TRIP. Washington Co. 1:30 p.m. Dam #5. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, South Potomac Street, Hagerstown.

November 21

FILM. Talbot Co. 8:00 p.m. "Wild & Wonderful Alaska" by Ken Creed. Easton High School, Mecklenburg Avenue, Easton.

November 22

MEETING. Washington Co. 7:30 p.m. "Go West For Birds"-Charlie Brightbill. Maryland Room, Loyola Federal Savings & Loan Association, 32 North Potomac Street, Hagerstown.

November 26

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Blackwater NWR. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Secuity Square Mall nr. Equitable drive-in bank or 9:30 a.m. at Blackwater NWR Visitor Ctr. Wintering eagles, Snow Geese, waterfowl. Bring lunch. Led by Taylor McLean, 377-7622.

December 1

CHRISTMAS DINNER. Frederick. 7:30 p.m. "The Birds of China"-Donald Messersmith. Deadline for reservations - November 24. Contact: Dave Wallace (662-6753)

December 3

FIELD TRIP. Washington Co. 8:00 a.m. Dam #4. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, South Potomac Street, Hagerstown.

December 4

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Piney Run. Meet at Carrolltowne Shopping Ctr., Rte. 26, Eldersburg, MD at 8:00 a.m. White-crowned, Tree & Fox Sparrows, wintering waterfowl. Led by Jerri Newton, 759-0664.

December 6

TUESDAY EVENING AT CYLBURN. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. "Birds are Advanced Dinosaurs" - Dr. Robert Bakker. Cylburn Mansion.

December 8

MEETING. Howard. 7:45 p.m. "Bring Back The Bluebirds"-Dr. Lawrence Zeleny. Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia.

December 10

JUNIOR ACTIVITY. Baltimore. 10:00 a.m. "Decorating Birds Christmas Tree." Bring edible ornaments for birds. Cylburn Mansion.

December 15

MEETING. Kent Co. 7:30 p.m. "My Love Affair With The Hoopoe"-Eleanor Johnson. Meet at Kent Co. Library, Chestertown.

December 27-29

FIELD TRIP. Talbot Co. Outer Banks of North Carolina. Leader: Dick Kleen. Reservations needed by December 1.

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MOS State Membership Dues: Active $6. Two persons at one address, $8. Junior (under 18) $1. Student (full-time) $2. Life. $200. These are the dues for members-at-large. If you wish to join one of the 14 chapters, their active member dues are additional. Contact the appropriate chapter for further information.

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